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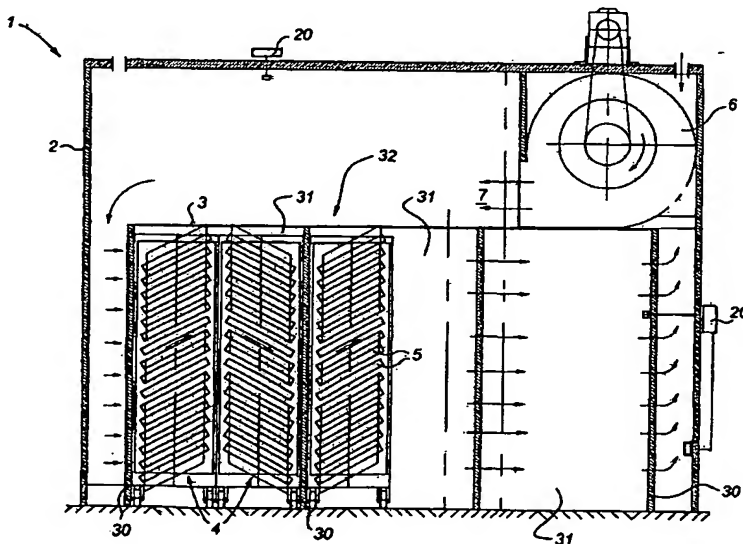
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(57) **Abstract:** The present invention relates to a method for cleaning an incubator and to an incubator (1) designed for carrying out the method. The method involves disinfecting the incubator, or at any rate the climatic chamber and/or removable parts present in it during the incubation process, by means of a disinfecting heat treatment. Said heat treatment can comprise a step in which the incubator, or at any rate the climatic chamber, is heated to a temperature of at least 50° C, in particular a temperature of approximately 58° to 65° C, for at least 25 minutes. The invention further relates to an incubator (1), in which the temperature regulating means used for the incubation process are further designed for carrying out a disinfecting heat treatment in the climatic chamber.